



DOE DIALOGUE | Weekly Message from Superintendent Ritz

May 19, 2014

Standards Implementation

As you are aware, the State Board of Education in April of 2014 adopted college-and-career ready Indiana Academic Standards for English Language Arts and Mathematics. The Indiana Department of Education is very pleased with these standards and have educators from across the state to thank for their clarity, high rigor and excellence.

The next step since adoption is to implement for a seamless transition of the new standards. The Indiana Department of Education is committed to supporting educators, students and families through these next steps. As such, the Indiana Department of Education has just completed a survey of educators on the greatest needs for support, and again we thank you for the tremendous response.

The top three areas for which local educators suggested they seek transition guidance were:

1. Rubrics for lesson plan alignment to standards
2. Model content frameworks
3. Resources for special populations (students with disabilities, second language learners and high ability)

In addition to these three areas the Indiana Department of Education is currently working to publish the following materials.

1. Standards correlation side by side that will compare the former Indiana standards with the newly adopted college-and-career ready standards.
2. Teacher resource guide materials that will include glossary of terms, rubrics for local study on materials/textbook alignment, and text complexity rubric which will support local reading list creation as well as guidance for alignment of instruction/standards and assessments.
3. Textbook Support - After the completion of standards correlation, the Department will communicate with state-wide textbook vendors to seek potential supplemental supports that may need to be offered to local school corporations.

It is the goal of the Indiana Department of Education to publish via the IDOE website and this publication the standards correlation side by side comparison no later than June 2, 2014.

The teacher resource guide materials will be presented to the Education Roundtable and State Board of Education in June 2014 and published via the IDOE website no later than July 1, 2014.

ISTEP+ and IMAST Results

IMPORTANT Note: Results of ISTEP+ and IMAST testing are embargoed until the IDOE releases state summary data. Results may be shared with parents and educators upon receipt; however, results may not be shared with local media until the embargo is lifted. More information regarding statewide results will come in June.

ISTEP+ Results

ISTEP+ Parent Network Invitation Code letters will be delivered to sites on **May 20, 2014**, and ***schools are asked to provide the IC letters to parents as soon as possible***. It is imperative that parents receive IC letters so they can access student results and Applied Skills Image Print documents in the Parent Network to determine if a request for rescore is appropriate.

The initial electronic **ISTEP+ results** will be available via the Indiana Online Reporting System (INORS) beginning at 8:00 a.m. Eastern on **May 30**, and the ISTEP+ Rescore Window is **June 2 - June 20, 2014**. School and corporation summary data will be available via INORS beginning at 8:00 a.m. Eastern on **June 11, 2014**. Paper copies of the *Individual Student Report* will be delivered **June 11-12, 2014**.

IMAST Results

Electronic **IMAST results** will be available via the Indiana Online Reporting System (INORS) beginning at 8:00 a.m. Eastern on **June 11**, and paper copies of the *Individual Student Report* will be delivered on **June 20, 2014**.

Enjoy your last few weeks of school!

Keep in touch. Feel free to leave comments at doecomm@doe.in.gov.

Sincerely,

Glenda Ritz, Superintendent of Public Instruction

NOTE: * indicates data information requirements for ALL public schools, including charter schools.



Lewis Cass Jr/Sr High School Marching Kings were selected to march in the 2015 Macy's Day Parade in New York City. The Marching Kings are one of 10 total bands selected nationwide and also the smallest band selected.

Memorandum

MEMORANDUM: REMINDER, The DOE-EE data collection opened on 4/15/2014 and will close at 11:59 P.M. EDT on May 25, 2014. We apologize for the change in the collection window. The purpose of this collection is to allow schools to identify student-to-teacher linkages that will be used to assign student Growth Model scores to teachers for the purpose of educator evaluations (IC 20-28-11.5). The data reported on the 2013-14 period 1 Certified Employee (DOE-CE), Certified Position (DOE-CP) and Course Completion (DOE-CC) will link teachers to students and will be the starting point for the DOE-EE. If corporations expect to receive teacher effectiveness ratings to use in their evaluation process then the DOE-EE data **MUST** be submitted. Districts are required to use objective measures of student growth and achievement in their teacher evaluations per IC 20-28-11.5 and 511 IAC 10-6-4(a). Districts whose 2013-14 evaluation plans require the use of the teacher effectiveness ratings calculated and delivered by the DOE must submit the DOE-EE collection. The data layout can be found at:

<https://learningconnection.doe.in.gov/Library/FilingCabinet/ViewFile.aspx?lfid=56210>. Please email Sarah Pies at spies@doe.in.gov if you have questions or concerns.

MEMORANDUM: College and Career Ready Bridge Course Summit for Literacy and Math Readiness: The Literacy Specialists at the Indiana Department of Education invite high school

English, Social Studies, Science, and Math teachers to attend a summer summit in Indianapolis on June 23-25 at Avon High School to learn about the SREB Readiness Courses. Administrators, guidance counselors, and literacy coaches should attend this training, also. We ask that at least 4 teachers (one from each discipline) plus 1 other attend this summit. ([see attachment](#)) To register for the Indiana Department of Education's *CCR Bridge Course Summit: Literacy and Math Readiness*, please register at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/WKXC35T> **(registration deadline June 13)** Please contact Jill Lyday, Secondary Literacy Specialist: jlyday@doe.in.gov or call 317-232-0867.

MEMORANDUM: Graduation Rate for Students Determined to be at an Unknown Location (IC 20-26-13)

Under IC 20-26-13, a school may provide documentation that a child is missing to determine the school's graduation rate. If the school uses this option, this memorandum clarifies the Indiana Department of Education and the Indiana State Police policy on reporting missing children under IC 20-26-13. Steps should be taken in sequence to determine the location of a missing student. If step one results in the identification of the student's current location, step two should not be initiated as outlined in the attached memorandum. ([see memorandum](#))

In order to remove the student from your cohort under Mobility Code 26 (DOE-RT/DOE-EM), Additional steps must be completed and documentation must be returned from the Indiana Clearinghouse for Missing & Exploited Children. The letter should be mailed by October 1st for the school year in which the student was reported missing. ([see memorandum](#)) If you have any questions, please contact Catherine Danyluk at 317/232-9150 or email cdanyluk@doe.in.gov.

MEMORANDUM: eLearning Book Club and read *Thrive: 5 Ways to (Re)Invigorate Your Teaching* by National Board Certified teacher Meenoo Rami. Our online weekly book discussions will begin on Monday, June 2nd and will end Friday, August 1. (No discussion 4th of July week.) We will begin with a week of introductions, and then each week a discussion prompt will be shared in the blog and participants will be invited to respond, sharing their thoughts, ideas, and/or questions. All participants who make a meaningful contribution to each week's discussion will be entered into a drawing to win a \$1000 professional development grant. More than one grant will be given so, [buy the book](#), [join the blog](#) , and dive into the discussions that begin on June 2nd. ([summer book memo](#))

MEMORANDUM: The Title I Team, with support from American Institutes for Research, will be hosting a Title I Summit in Indianapolis on June 19th. ([registration](#)) The keynote speaker for the event will be Dr. Tim Shanahan - known for his research and work on reading and Urban Education. The day will also feature Superintendent Ritz, Indiana Title I Distinguished Schools (Miami Elementary in Lafayette and Washington Elementary in Fort Wayne), High Performing and School Improvement Secondary Schools (Raymond Park Intermediate Academy and Harshman Magnet Middle School, both in Indianapolis), as well as the National Center for Families Learning. Topics will cover literacy, RtI, closing the achievement gap, data, building community partners, and parent involvement. The day is organized for both elementary and secondary teachers, administrators, and coaches. Dr. Tim Shanahan will host a principals luncheon as well. There is no cost for the general sessions, but principals who attend the luncheon will be required to pay \$10 for the box lunch on site. ([see flyer](#))

MEMORANDUM: Teen Dating Violence & Sexual Assault Conference, The School Safety Academy is co-sponsoring a regional training on July 18 in Indianapolis titled "Teen Dating Violence/Sexual Assault: Creating a Safe Environment at School", presented by Chris Warren from the Domestic Violence Network and Colleen Yeakle from the Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence. Participants at this training will receive one day of annual Safety Specialist recertification for the 2014-2015 school year. Registration and additional information are available online here: <http://www.doe.in.gov/safety/teen-dating-violencesexual-assault-creating-safe-environment-school>

MEMORANDUM: First Book and the Hoosier Family of Readers, Learn how First Book and the Indiana Department of Education's [Hoosier Family of Readers](#) are working together to promote a love of reading among children across the state. Discover how you can access brand new, affordable books from First Book to support your reading activities.

[First Book](#) is a nonprofit organization that provides access to new, affordable books for children in need. Since 1992, First Book has distributed more than 100 million books to educators and program leaders

serving children in need. First Book is transforming the lives of children experiencing poverty and elevating the quality of education by making new, high-quality books available on an ongoing basis.

First Book aggregates the voice of the largest and fastest growing network of educators and program leaders serving children in need. Through pioneering partnerships with children's book publishers, First Book secures high-quality titles that help those in its network create enriched learning experiences for the children they serve.

For more information, visit www.firstbook.org and www.doe.in.gov/hoosierreaders.

Register for a session now by clicking a date below: [Tue, May 27, 2014 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM EDT](#)

Information From Other Agencies

The **Ford Hoosier Outdoor Experience** - the Midwest's largest outdoor recreational event - is searching for volunteers. The 2014 event will take place at Fort Harrison State Park in Indianapolis, 9/20-9/21. This free, family-friendly event offers more than 50 different outdoor activities and runs from 10am-6pm each day. Volunteers will be assigned to help in five-hour shifts with one of the many on-site activities such as fishing, mountain biking, canoeing, archaeological dig and more. Come experience one of the greatest events of the year! Starting July 1st sign up to volunteer at <http://2013experiencevolunteers.eventbrite.com>. Contact volunteer coordinator Cheryl Hampton, (317) 233-1002, champton@dnr.in.gov. Visit us online at www.hoosieroutdoorexperience.IN.gov

INDIANA STATE POLICE SUMMER YOUTH CAMP PROGRAM: The Indiana Troopers Youth Services organization coordinates the Indiana State Police Summer Youth Camp Program each summer. The camps have been held every summer since 1970. Our camps are age-appropriate for 5th grade through high school. We offer 4 camps for 5-6 graders; 2 for 7-8 graders and 2 for high school age. All camps are held on Indiana college campuses. Thanks to the generosity of service organizations and individuals we do have some financial assistance available to help families in need of it. Our website is: www.trooper.org and the application and other information is available on website. Contact Karen W. Shelton â€”Director of Operations â€”Indiana Troopers Youth Services, Inc. â€”800-671-9851

Indiana Youth Institute : [2014 Postsecondary Counseling Institute presented by Kroger](#), June 19-20 in Indianapolis, an intensive two-day conference that provides information, tools and resources to help effectively counsel students on their education options after high school. Attendees will learn more about working with students who plan on attending a traditional four-year college, as well as those who may be looking into certificate programs or apprenticeships. Plus, they'll discover how to help their students finance a post-high school education and how to create a college-going culture at all grade levels.

Choose from more than 22 workshops that include topics such as:

- Financial Aid Basics
- Support College Access: Tracking FAFSA Completion
- Certificates That Lead to Meaningful Employment
- Managing the Application Process So You Can Actually Counsel

Registration is just \$100 and includes breakfast and lunch on both days, plus a free digital copy of College Board's *College Counseling SourceBook 7th Edition*. Earn PGPs and CEUs at no additional cost. Register for the 2014 PCI at www.iyi.org/pci.

Project SUCCESS is offering regional training sessions during the summer of 2014. The training is designed for any person who supports students with significant cognitive disabilities and/or those students who take the alternate assessment. Participants are encouraged to attend as a team and should include speech language pathologists, occupational/physical therapists, coaches, consultants, and any other individuals who support students. All sessions are free and will be held from 8:00-3:00.

Agenda Topics

- Project SUCCESS Resources
 - Communication and Core Vocabulary
 - Implementation of NCSC materials
 - Functional versus Academic Instruction
 - Preparation for the Alternate Assessment
 - Connecting IEP Goals, Assessment, Standards, and Instruction
1. 6/5-Region 8 ESC-251 W 850 N Decatur IN 46733
 2. 6/12-Avon Community Schools-7203 East US HWY 36, Avon, IN 46123
 3. 6/13-Hancock Madison Shelby Educational Services-1834 Fields Blvd. Greenfield, IN 46140
 4. 7/1-NWIESC-48 W. 900 N., Chesterton, IN 46304-9357
 5. 7/15-Vincennes, Jasper Campus Center for Technology, Innovation, and Manufacturing Building, Room 230, 850 College Ave., Jasper, IN 47546
 6. 7/22-Wilson Education Center-2101 Grace Avenue, Charleston, IN 47111

Register at <http://bit.ly/PSsumr2014reg> for the preferred date/location.

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